



Report of Accomplishments

Fiscal Year 2005

Weiser River Soil Conservation District

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Counties Served: Washington

Legislative District(s): #9

Function or Conservation District Mission

To provide local leadership in the conservation development and productive use of soil, water and related resources. To act as a catalyst to bring people and programs together, to bring about a quality way of life, a quality resource base and a quality environment.

Natural Resource Improvements Summary

- The District assisted 7 landowners on the Weiser Flat in implementing 35 BMP's for a demonstration project.
- Conservation plans for 753 acres of cropland were written.
- Conservation plans for 6,461 acres of grazing land were written.
- 317 acre-feet of water were saved due to irrigation improvements.
- There was 1,564 tons of soil erosion reduced by BMP installations.



Conservation District Priority # 1 – Water Quality

The District applied for and received funding for a Water Quality Demonstration Project to install BMP's on 232 acres on the Weiser Flat. Our participants have been successful in reducing nitrates, phosphorus and sediment, and are seeing the benefits of better irrigation management.

- There were 7 participants in the District's 319 Water Quality Demonstration Project, consisting of 232 acres.
- The project saw a reduction in nitrogen application of approximately 15,000 pounds and a reduction of phosphorus of approximately 3,000 pounds.
- The project's 3 constructed sediment basins have a combined collection of 136 cubic yards of sediment per year.

Conservation District Priority #2 – District Operations

- Participant of the Weiser River Watershed Advisory Group and the Technical Advisory Group.
- Provide a tour of District projects for the community.
- Oversee daily District operations.
- Actively seek funding sources.
- Develop a yearly Information & Education work plan, addressing the needs of the general public and schools.

Conservation District Priority # 3 – Irrigated and Non-Irrigated Cropland

- Held an informational tour with 26 participants to inform landowners on subjects such as; variable speed pumps, surge and drip irrigation, nutrient management techniques and monitoring needs.
 - There was 8,920 feet of irrigated gated pipe installed; 6,051 feet of sprinkler mainline installed, 1,971 feet of irrigation pipeline and 9,624 feet of stock water pipeline installed.
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Conservation District Priority #4 – Rangeland

- 3,814 feet of fence installed which allowed for the following;
- 14,934 acres of prescribed grazing and 115 acres of range planting.

Conservation District Priority #5 – Animal Waste Management

- 3 animal waste management pond systems designed

Conservation District Priority #6 – Urban Awareness

- Met with the Weiser City Council, Washington County Commissioners and local legislatures to bring awareness of conservation issues.
- Give presentations on monitoring results and District efforts to address TMDL issues to groups such as; The Weiser Groundwater Committee and the Weiser River WAG & TAG, Washington County Commissioners and the City of Weiser.

Information & Education/Public Outreach

- The District held a tour to highlight the 319 Demonstration Project and educate the public on Best Management Practices. Sets up displays at local festivals and fairs and sends a newsletter to approx. 500 landowners.
- The District supports conservation education among youth by being involved in and hosting several events throughout the year, such as 6th Grade Field Day (with 220 students and volunteers), Envirothon (the largest national environmental competition for students), Poster Contest for over 180 students and in school work shops.
- Work with local teachers through Project WET to educate in regards to conservation issues.

Community Collaboration & Coordination

- Actively seek a liaison from Washington County and the City of Weiser to attend District Board Meetings.
- Participant in the Weiser River WAG and provided clerical assistance for 6 meetings.
- Team up with the City of Weiser during Drinking Water Week to hold tours of water treatment plant.
- Hold a legislative luncheon for local government officials to coordinate conservation efforts.

Synopsis of Assistance Coordinated for Constituents with Conservation Partners - to plan, design and implement best management practices to protect, enhance, and conserve Idaho's renewable natural resources.

Source	Purpose/Benefit	Funded Amount
Washington County	District Operations	\$ 8,000.00
City of Weiser	District Operations	\$ 1,000.00
EPA/DEQ 319	Non-Point Source Pollution	\$ 30,206.13
WQPA	Water Quality	\$ 4,435.75
U of I Project Splash	Water Quality	\$ 654.68
USDA Farm Program	Conservation	\$ 101,739.00
Total		\$ 146,035.56

Idaho Conservation Districts assisting landowners & operators with their conservation choice.

